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Democratic Congress Fails to Pass Veteran's Funding in Time for Veterans Day

Washington, D.C. – Today marked the last legislative day in Congress before Veterans Day and still, Democratic leadership has done nothing to get the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill to the President. **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement on this amazing failure of leadership:

“The House overwhelmingly passed a strong veterans funding bill 146 days ago, yet here we are on the eve of Veterans Day without a final bill for the President. There is no excuse for this. Congress has an obligation to support our veterans. Stonewalling and political gamesmanship should never be allowed to trump that responsibility.

House Republicans have made 10 attempts to move the veterans bill through the process of appointing conferees for a final version of this legislation. Each attempt has been rejected by the majority. It's time to stop the games and get things done for the American people.”

Instead of moving this legislation forward, Speaker Pelosi and her leadership decided to complicate and politicize the process by attaching the veterans bill to a controversial, pork laden social spending package. This week, the Senate split that legislation apart, sending it back to the House. No action has been taken since despite the objections of Republicans and some Democrats in the House.

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